

FEBRUARY 21, 1825.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

To grant a certain quantity of land to the State of Indiana, for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal, to connect the waters of the Wabash river with those of Lake Michigan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *there be, and are hereby granted to the state of Indiana, for*
4 *the purpose of aiding the said state in opening a Canal, to*
5 *unite the waters of the Wabash river with those of Lake Erie,*
6 *the four nearest sections of land to the said Canal, embra-*
7 *cing the land on both sides thereof, from one end of the said*
8 *canal to the other; and said land shall be subject to the*
9 *disposal of the Legislature of said state, for the purpose*
10 *aforesaid, and no other.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, so soon as the*
2 *route of said canal shall be located, and agreed on by the*
3 *said state, it shall be the duty of the Governor thereof, or such*
4 *other person or persons, as may have been, or shall hereafter*

5 be, authorized to superintend the construction of said canal,
 6 to examine and ascertain the particular sections to which the
 7 said state shall be entitled under the provisions of this act,
 8 and report the same to the Secretary of State of the United
 9 States.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the said state,
 2 under the authority of the Legislature thereof, after the se-
 3 lection shall have been made, shall have power to sell and
 4 convey the whole, or any part of the said land, and give a
 5 title in fee simple therefor, to whomsoever shall purchase
 6 the whole, or any part thereof: *Provided, however,* that no
 7 such title shall be valid against the United States until the
 8 said canal shall be completed: *And, provided, also,* that all
 9 property belonging to the United States be allowed to pass
 10 through the said canal free of toll.